

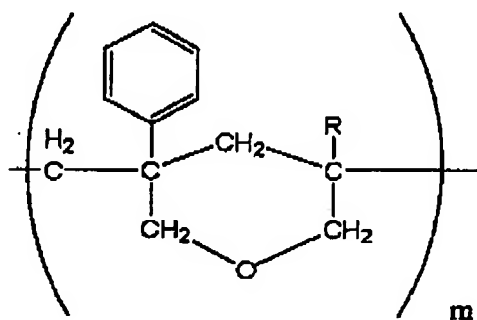
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Amendments to the Claims:

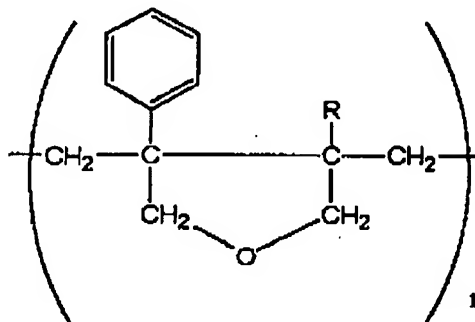
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An injection molded plastic magnetic recording medium substrate comprising a thermoplastic allyloxymethylstyrene type resin having a cyclization rate of at least 90% and having either or both of a structural unit represented by general formula A and a structural unit represented by general formula B,



General formula A

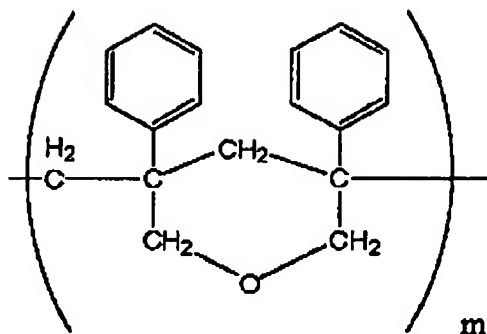


General formula B

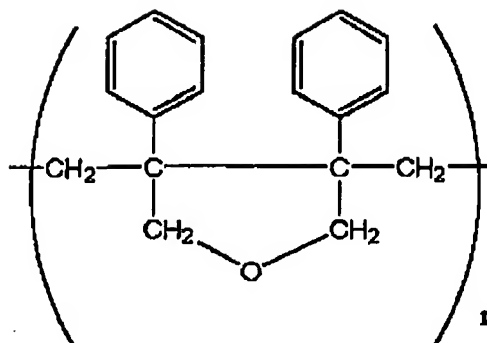
where R is a group selected from hydrogen, alkyl groups, cycloalkyl groups, aryl groups and aromatic heterocyclic groups, and m and n each represent 0 or an integer of 1 or higher, with the proviso that m and n are not both 0.

2. (Currently amended) The injection molded plastic magnetic recording medium substrate according to claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic allyloxymethylstyrene type resin includes a thermoplastic phenylallyloxymethylstyrene resin having either or both of a structural unit represented by general formula 1 and a structural unit represented by general formula 2,

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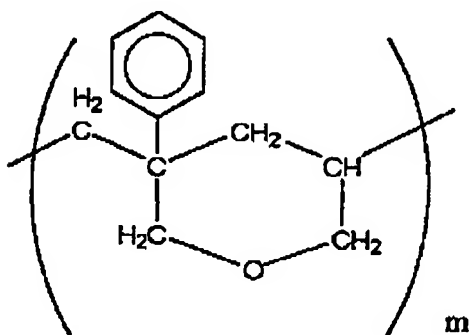
General formula 1



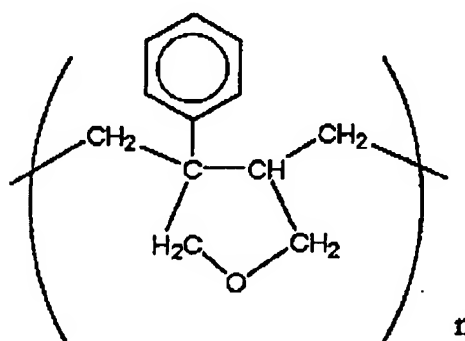
General formula 2

where m and n each represent 0 or an integer of 1 or higher, with the proviso that m and n are not both 0.

3. (Currently amended) An injection molded plastic magnetic recording medium substrate comprising a thermoplastic allyloxymethylstyrene resin having a cyclization rate of at least 80% and having either or both of a structural unit represented by general formula 3 and a structural unit represented by general formula 4,



General formula 3



General formula 4

where m and n each represent 0 or an integer of 1 or higher, with the proviso that m and n are not both 0.

4. (Currently amended) The magnetic recording medium substrate according to claim 2, wherein the thermoplastic phenylallyloxymethylstyrene resin has a ~~cyclization rate of at~~

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least 90%, a glass transition temperature (T_g) in a range of 180°C to 270°C, a thermal decomposition point of at least 360°C, and a moisture content of not more than 0.01%.

5. (Currently amended) The magnetic recording medium substrate according to claim 3, wherein the thermoplastic allyloxymethylstyrene resin has a cyclization rate of at least 80%, a glass transition temperature (T_g) of at least 100°C, a thermal decomposition point of at least 350°C, and a moisture content of not more than 0.01%.

6. (Original) The magnetic recording medium substrate according to claim 1, wherein a flatness in a substrate surface radial direction is not more than 12 μm , a straightness is not more than 1.2 μm , a waviness (W_a) is not more than 50 nm, and an average roughness (R_a) is not more than 0.5 nm.

7. (Original) The magnetic recording medium substrate according to claim 2, wherein a flatness in a substrate surface radial direction is not more than 12 μm , a straightness is not more than 1.2 μm , a waviness (W_a) is not more than 50 nm, and an average roughness (R_a) is not more than 0.5 nm.

8. (Original) The magnetic recording medium substrate according to claim 3, wherein a flatness in a substrate surface radial direction is not more than 12 μm , a straightness is not more than 1.2 μm , a waviness (W_a) is not more than 50 nm, and an average roughness (R_a) is not more than 0.5 nm.

9. (Original) The magnetic recording medium substrate according to claim 2, wherein a substrate flatness shape change after exposure for 500 hours to a high-temperature high-humidity environment of 80°C and 80% RH is not more than 10%.

10. (Original) The magnetic recording medium substrate according to claim 4, wherein a substrate flatness shape change after exposure for 500 hours to a high-temperature high-humidity environment of 80°C and 80% RH is not more than 10%.

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11. (Original) A magnetic recording medium comprising the substrate according to claim 1 and at least a magnetic layer, a protective layer, and a lubricant layer formed on the substrate.

12. (Original) A magnetic recording medium comprising the substrate according to claim 2 and at least a magnetic layer, a protective layer, and a lubricant layer formed on the substrate.

13. (Original) A magnetic recording medium comprising the substrate according to claim 3 and at least a magnetic layer, a protective layer, and a lubricant layer formed on the substrate.

14. (Original) The magnetic recording medium according to claim 11, wherein a flatness in a substrate surface radial direction is not more than 12 μm , a straightness is not more than 1.2 μm , a waviness (Wa) is not more than 50 nm, and an average roughness (Ra) is not more than 0.5 nm.

15. (Original) The magnetic recording medium according to claim 12, wherein a flatness in a substrate surface radial direction is not more than 12 μm , a straightness is not more than 1.2 μm , a waviness (Wa) is not more than 50 nm, and an average roughness (Ra) is not more than 0.5 nm.

16. (Original) The magnetic recording medium according to claim 13, wherein a flatness in a substrate surface radial direction is not more than 12 μm , a straightness is not more than 1.2 μm , a waviness (Wa) is not more than 50 nm, and an average roughness (Ra) is not more than 0.5 nm.

17. (Original) The magnetic recording medium according to claim 11, wherein a substrate flatness shape change after exposure for 500 hours to a high-temperature high-humidity environment of 80°C and 80% RH is not more than 10%.

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18. (Original) The magnetic recording medium according to claim 12, wherein a substrate flatness shape change after exposure for 500 hours to a high-temperature high-humidity environment of 80°C and 80%RH is not more than 10%.

19. (Original) The magnetic recording medium according to claim 6, wherein a substrate flatness shape change after being left for 500 hours in a high-temperature high-humidity environment of 80°C and 80%RH is not more than 10%.

20. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing a magnetic recording medium comprising the steps of:

forming the injection molded plastic magnetic recording medium substrate according to claim 1 by thoroughly drying the thermoplastic allyloxymethylstyrene type resin and then injection molding the thermoplastic allyloxymethylstyrene type resin; and

forming at least a magnetic layer, a protective layer, and a lubricant layer in this order on the substrate.

21. (Original) A method of manufacturing a magnetic recording medium comprising the steps of:

forming the injection molded plastic magnetic recording medium substrate according to claim 2 by thoroughly drying the thermoplastic phenylallyloxymethylstyrene resin and then injection molding the thermoplastic phenylallyloxymethylstyrene resin; and

forming at least a magnetic layer, a protective layer, and a lubricant layer in this order on the substrate.

22. (Original) A method of manufacturing a magnetic recording medium comprising the steps of:

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forming the injection molded plastic magnetic recording medium substrate according to claim 3 by thoroughly drying the thermoplastic allyloxymethylstyrene resin and then injection molding the thermoplastic allyloxymethylstyrene resin; and

forming at least a magnetic layer, a protective layer, and a lubricant layer in this order on the substrate.

23. (New) The magnetic recording medium substrate according to claim 2, wherein the thermoplastic phenylallyloxymethylstyrene resin has a thermal decomposition point of at least 360°C.

24. (New) The magnetic recording medium substrate according to claim 3, wherein the thermoplastic allyloxymethylstyrene resin has a thermal decomposition point of at least 350°C.

26. (New) The magnetic recording medium substrate according to claim 2, wherein the thermoplastic phenylallyloxymethylstyrene resin has a glass transition temperature (T_g) in a range of 180°C to 270°C.

26. (New) The magnetic recording medium substrate according to claim 3, wherein the thermoplastic allyloxymethylstyrene resin has a glass transition temperature (T_g) of at least 100°C.